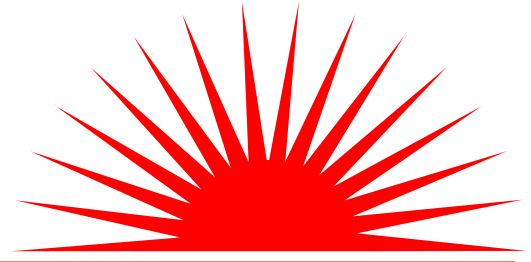




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## Special Education Monitoring Alert



### March 2007: Alert to Special Education Directors – Measurable Postsecondary Transition Goals and Transition Requirements

Clarification from USDOE Office of Special Education programs (OSEP) on secondary transition requirements for IEP development will be included in the next revision of the Arizona Review to Improve Special Education Monitoring, "Guide Steps". In the interim, each PEA will need to ensure that school staff understands the requirements.

Beginning with the first IEP to be in effect when the child turns 16, and updated annually thereafter, the IEP Team **must** identify measurable postsecondary transition goals based on the student's strengths, preferences, and interests in **three** areas (training, education, and employment). If an IEP team determines that it is appropriate to include transition services before the age of 16, the IEP must meet all transition requirements (CFR §300.320 (b)).

### EXAMPLES of POSTSECONDARY TRANSITION GOALS

#### Training

*Jose will enroll full time in a plumbing apprenticeship program.*

#### Education

*LaKisha will enroll at ASU in the teacher education program.*

#### Employment

*Aaron will work part time, with support, as a janitor at a store in the community.*

A fourth postsecondary transition goal in the area of independent living skills should be developed **when appropriate for a particular student**.

#### Independent Living

*Rachael will live in a supervised setting with peers.*

Transition Services: IEP Requirements Technical Assistance document(s) can be accessed at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/SpecialProjects/transition/PublicationDocs/TransitionServicesIEPRequirements.pdf> . If you have difficulty opening this link due to your desktop security settings, "right click" and go to "open link" or cut and paste this link into your browser.

If you need further assistance or have questions, please contact your specialist at (602) 542-4013.